

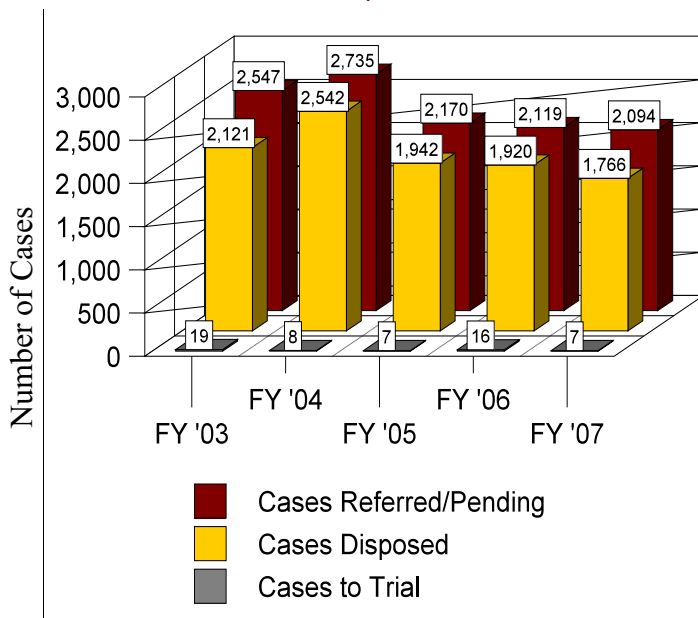
Twentieth Judicial Circuit

(St. Clair County)

Arbitration Program Information

The Twentieth Judicial Circuit is comprised of five counties: St. Clair, Perry, Monroe, Randolph and Washington. The Supreme Court approved the request of St. Clair County to begin an arbitration program in May of 1993 and the first hearings were held in February 1994. The arbitration center is located across the street from the St. Clair County Courthouse. A supervising judge is assigned to oversee arbitration matters and is assisted by an arbitration program administrator and an administrative assistant.

St. Clair County Five-Year Disposition Trend



The chart to the left presents information regarding the total number of cases litigated in arbitration which were either resolved during the arbitration process or, ultimately went to trial. Program data indicates that either a settlement or dismissal was reached in 84% (1,766 of 2,094 cases were disposed) of the cases filed in the St. Clair County arbitration program for State Fiscal Year 2007. This disposition rate is lower than the five year average of 89% and higher than the statewide average of 81%.

St. Clair County

**State Fiscal Year 2007
St. Clair County
At A Glance Arbitration Caseload
Information**

Number of Cases Pending/Referred to Arbitration	2,094
Number of Cases Settled / Dismissed	1,766
Number of Arbitration Hearings ..	136
Number of Awards Accepted	63
Number of Awards Rejected	49
Number of Cases Filed in Arbitration which Proceeded to Trial	7

The data for St. Clair County's 2007 arbitration operations is reflected in the chart to the left. In St. Clair County, less than 1% of cases (7 of the 2,094) filed in arbitration proceeded to trial.